

RESOLUTION NO. 52 - 2015

EXPRESSING the support of the Mayor and Council of the City of Cincinnati for Cincinnati's application to the White House to be deemed an official community participating in the President's TechHire Initiative.

WHEREAS, on March 9th, 2015, President Obama announced TechHire, a bold multi-sector effort and call to action to empower Americans with the skills they need, through universities, community colleges and nontraditional approaches that offer rapid or flexible paths to technical training; and

WHEREAS, the United States has over half a million job openings in information technology fields, which pay an average salary 50% higher than the average private-sector American job; and

WHEREAS, employers are in critical need of talent with technical skills, and many of the skills can be acquired through programs that do not require a four-year degree; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati would join 21 other communities who have committed to take action – working with each other and with national employers, training providers, and private and civic partners – to expand access to technical jobs in fields like software development, network administration and technical marketing; and

WHEREAS, TechHire communities commit to convene cross-sector leaders and potential partners, to use data and innovative hiring practices to expand openness to nontraditional hiring, expand models for training that prepare students in months rather than years, and provide active local leadership to connect people to jobs with hiring on ramp opportunities, and the communities are eligible for grants from a pool of \$100 million available through the U.S. Department of Labor; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati has a robust start-up ecosystem, a high number of Fortune 500 companies, and several large universities and community colleges, and is an ideal candidate to be a TechHire community; now, therefore,

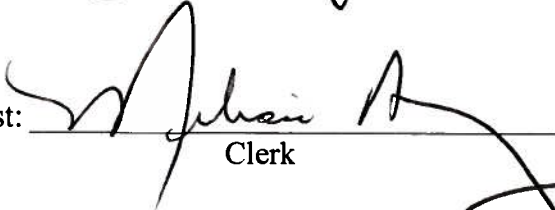
BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati hereby express support and approval for Cincinnati's application to be deemed a TechHire community as part of the White House's TechHire program.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and sent to the White House as part of the application from Cincinnati.

Passed: July 1, 2015


Vice Mayor

Attest: 
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember P.G. Sittenfeld